



Town of Darien

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To: Pool Owners / Operators

RE: 2010 Permit Renewal of Public Swimming Pools

Soon the swimming season will be with us again and this is to remind you that there is a need for all public pools to be permitted. This is a simple but important program intended to safeguard the health and safety of those who use your facility. Furthermore, it is an effort to provide you with help and assistance in the care and operation of the pool. Permits can be obtained as follows:

- 1) All public pools must be inspected by a Health Department representative **BEFORE OPENING FOR THE SEASON**. This inspection will only be conducted after a completed application (enclosed) has been submitted.
- 2) The appropriate fee, payable for each pool served by its own filtration system, must be submitted with the application.
- 3) ***All pools must be VGB compliant and have approved main drains before opening.*** A statement attesting to compliance must be submitted with the application if one has not already been provided.
- 4) All public pools must have a pool operator(s) who can demonstrate a working knowledge of health and safety regulations of pool operation available **AT ALL TIMES**. Unless the pool operator has completed the National Swimming Pool Foundation's "*Certified Pool Operator*," (CPO) program, the ability to operate the pool must be demonstrated by successfully completing an exam administered by this office.
- 5) Regulations and other information pertaining to public pools may be viewed at the Health Department section of the Town of Darien website: <http://darienct.gov>
- 6) The issuance of Permits and approval to open pools for the season are dependent on a satisfactory inspection of the facility with all safety equipment available and water quality standards addressed.

Please submit the completed application and fee as soon as possible. Remember, you must call to schedule a preoperational inspection prior to opening for the season. If you have any questions concerning licensure of your facility or to make an appointment to take the Pool Operator's exam, please contact the Health Department at 656-7320.